

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2008
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Vice Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
# Matthew Busby for George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa
Jeanine Guy, Buckeye	* Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Carl Swenson for Terry Ellis, Peoria
* Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Mark Pentz, Chandler	# Patrick Flynn for John Kross, Queen Creek
Spencer Isom for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
* Kate Zanon, Fountain Hills	Charlie Meyer, Tempe
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	Gary Edwards, Wickenburg
George Pettit, Gilbert	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Jessica Blazina for Ed Beasley, Glendale	Kwi-Sung Kang for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Brian Dalke, Goodyear	Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa County
	Bryan Jungwirth for David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jan Dolan at 12:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A roll call attendance was taken.

Chair Dolan noted those participating by telephone: Matt Busby from Apache Junction, and Patrick Flynn from Queen Creek.

Chair Dolan presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Jim Rumpeltes upon occasion of his last Management Committee meeting. She said that Mr. Rumpeltes had dealt with issues using grace and humor. She thanked him for his positive contributions to the region. Mr. Rumpeltes said that other areas do not have the luxury of an organization like MAG. He expressed his appreciation, in particular, to MAG staff for assistance to the City of Surprise, which at a time of exponential growth, had great needs. Mr. Rumpeltes thanked the Managers whose support has been very helpful to him. Mr. Rumpeltes said he did not have much planned for the future, other than he would take off six months to one year.

Chair Dolan noted that materials for agenda items #4C, #4F and #8 were at each place.

Chair Dolan stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Dolan stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Dolan noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations.

Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who said she read last month's minutes regarding the El Mirage application. Ms. Barker stated that the agenda should not move forward if the process is flawed. She urged looking at the process to see who is moving forward the agenda and that this be a clean forum. Chair Dolan thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, and #4H were on the consent agenda. Chair Dolan reviewed the public comment guidelines for the consent agenda. She asked if any member of the committee had questions or a request to have a presentation on any consent agenda item.

Mr. Isom requested that agenda item #4E be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Rumpeltes moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4F, #4G, and #4H. Mr. Manuel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of January 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the January 9, 2008 meeting minutes.

4B. Project List for the Arizona Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the ranked list of projects for submission to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program. A total of \$1,100,000 statewide is available for projects through the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Safe Routes to School Program. The program provides funding to public and non-profit agencies for projects that improve road safety and encourage more grade K-8 children to walk or bike to their neighborhood schools. In response to the call for projects announced in November 2007, 18 project applications were submitted to ADOT from the MAG region. The ADOT application review process stipulates that Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Governments must recommend a ranked list of projects to ADOT by February 28, 2008. On January 22, 2008, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee reviewed all project proposals, and generated a ranked list for consideration by ADOT.

4C. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program, the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as appropriate, and a material cost change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables. The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 27, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed Highway administrative modifications and amendments to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, administrative modifications to the ALCP are listed in Table B, and proposed Transit amendments are listed in Table C. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table D notes the material cost change to the ADOT Program. The material cost changes are related to cost increases. The right of way project for I-10: Sarival Road to Dysart Road increased by \$500,000 and the construction project for the US-60: I-10 to Loop 101 increased by \$7,500,000. On January 31, 2008, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes. Since the Management Committee agenda was mailed out, two new projects were added to the Project Change sheet: an advanced Shea at Via Linda design project and an advanced Shea at Via Linda Construction project. These projects are ALCP projects that need to be reflected in the MAG TIP.

4D. Consultant Selection for the Statewide Transportation Survey

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended that MAG negotiate with WestGroup Research to conduct the Statewide Transportation Survey for an amount not to exceed \$55,000, and that if negotiations with WestGroup Research are not successful, that MAG negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center, to conduct the survey. On December 19, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved conducting a public opinion survey to measure voter attitudes

and preferences in addressing regional and statewide transportation mobility needs, and that the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget be amended to include \$55,000 for the survey. On January 13, 2008, MAG issued a Request for Proposals to develop and conduct an independent, scientifically valid voter opinion survey. In response, six proposals were received. A multi-agency review team met on February 5, 2008, and recommended to MAG the selection of WestGroup Research to conduct the survey. In addition, the team recommended that if negotiations with WestGroup are not successful, that MAG be directed to negotiate with its second choice, Behavior Research Center.

4F. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on conformity assessments for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. The proposed amendment includes new transit projects for the City of Phoenix and a federally-funded pedestrian project for the Town of Gilbert. In addition, an administrative modification includes the repackaging of pre-design, design, and right-of-way projects for Maricopa County improvements to El Mirage Road and changes to the allocation of funding amounts for several City of Scottsdale intersection projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessments were requested by February 22, 2008. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

4G. MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update. The MAG Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan 2008 Update was developed in collaboration with representatives from 70 agencies, municipalities, companies and residents. The plan addresses progress made since the implementation of the plan in 2007. It also proposes five new strategies. This activity is undertaken in response to a federal requirement affecting all applicants of Section 5310, Section 5316 and Section 5317. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee and Human Services Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the plan in January 2008.

4H. Social Services Block Grant Allocation Recommendations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the SSBG allocation recommendations for FY 2008-2009 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Under a planning contract with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), MAG annually researches and solicits input on human services needs in the region. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee develops recommendations for which services should be directed to meet these needs through the locally planned dollars under the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Services funded by SSBG include assistance to the most vulnerable people in the region, including very low-income children and families, elderly people, victims of domestic violence, homeless people and persons with disabilities. The MAG Human Services Technical Committee and the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee both recommended approval of the recommendations in January 2008.

4E. The Interstate 10 - Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Bob Hazlett, MAG Senior Engineer, provided a staff report. Since May 2006, the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study has been underway for establishing a mobility framework for a significant portion of Maricopa County west of the White Tank Mountains. Mr. Hazlett stated that ADOT, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, the Town of Buckeye, and the Cities of Goodyear and Surprise, and MAG, partnered on the project by funding and developing the Study. He noted that the area covered in the study could have a population of approximately 2.8 million by buildout.

Mr. Hazlett noted that an extensive stakeholder process included more than 150 opportunities for input. He stated that the Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee, the Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council have been provided briefings on the results and potential recommendations generated on the project. Mr. Hazlett advised that the requested action is to accept, not to adopt, the findings of the study, because the projects are unfunded.

Chair Dolan recognized public comment from Nick Wood from Snell and Wilmer, the firm that represents Toyota Motors. Mr. Wood provided material to members. He stated that Toyota, which has a proving ground in the area, is supportive of the study. Mr. Wood stated that at the January 31, 2008 Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meeting, Toyota requested that the north-south freeway, shown on the map to cut through the test track, be realigned. He reported that the TRC agreed and the alignment was redrawn, but not at a distance desirable to Toyota. Mr. Wood explained how security and secrecy are important to companies testing their vehicles. He requested that there be a 1.5 mile buffer between the freeway and the test track to protect it, not only from industrial espionage, but also vibrations. Mr. Wood requested that the map that he provided be a part of the Management Committee's recommendation. Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Wood for his comments.

Mr. Harris asked Mr. Wood if Toyota's process would allow for the County to react and comment on the proposed alignment move, and if there is an expectation to hear from the County. Mr. Harris commented that shifts in alignments could impact other plans and the County would need to examine the change. Mr. Wood replied that Toyota was unaware of the alignment until recently. He said that Toyota would certainly work closely with County staff and the engineering department. Mr. Wood added that Toyota just wants to change the geometry somewhat so the alignment works better for everyone.

Mr. Hazlett noted that this is only a framework study, which is at a high level of planning. He advised that engineering studies will dictate the final alignment. As with most illustrative plans, the first alignment is not always the final alignment, for example, Loop 101. He noted that the original alignment in 1960 was along Bell Road and it ended up on Beardsley Road. Mr. Hazlett added that the maps include a caveat that the study's results are preliminary. Mr. Hazlett also stated that the study team first contacted Toyota in 2006 and have sent updates.

Chair Dolan stated that it is important to note that this is a framework study and MAG would be accepting that piece of it, not adopting it.

Mr. Smith stated that the corridors in the study are illustrative projects, which means they are unfunded and subject to change. He advised that a project being included in a map does not guarantee it would be built. Mr. Smith commented that the best option is for developers or property owners to set aside right-of-way, and when a road is built there is a natural corridor.

Mr. Wood expressed his agreement with everyone's comments. He noted that Douglas Ranch borders the Toyota facility to the south. Mr. Wood stated that although alignments are not set in stone, they are proceeding with their planning process. He remarked that once building has begun, it can become a difficult problem, for example, what happened in Ahwatukee. Mr. Wood requested that the Management Committee include in its recommendation the revised map he submitted.

Mr. Isom stated that the City of El Mirage is pleased with the progress of the Hassayampa Study. He expressed the City's concern with the concept to make part of Northern Avenue an east/west superstreet to Loop 303. Mr. Isom stated that constructing Northern Avenue as a parkway is a more cost effective option than a superstreet, would allow more development along adjacent corridors, and more options. He encouraged the parkway option be favored. Mr. Hazlett noted that Northern Avenue was outside the Hassayampa Study area, however, Mr. Isom's suggestion could bear some study.

Chair Dolan read the requested motion, a recommendation to (1) accept the findings of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework Study as the surface and public transportation framework for the Hassayampa Valley; (2) adopt the traffic interchange locations for the Interstate-10/Papago Freeway from SR-303L/Estrella Freeway to 459th Avenue; (3) adopt a two-mile traffic interchange spacing policy for new freeway facilities within the Hassayampa Valley with appropriate planning for non-access crossings of the freeway facilities to facilitate local transportation movements; (4) adopt a new functional classification as a parkway, recognizing the Arizona Parkway as a type of parkway with unique operating characteristics for congestion and air quality planning purposes; (5) accept the findings and implementation strategies as described in the study for inclusion as illustrative corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan; and, (6) recommend the affected jurisdictions within the Hassayampa Valley study area incorporate this study's recommendations into future updates of their general plans. Mr. Harris moved, Mr. Rumpeltes seconded, and the motion passed, with Mr. Rodriguez abstaining.

5. Draft Revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy

Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, updated members on the review of the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. He said that a working group of managers met on December 5, 2007 and January 30, 2008 and discussed and recommended revisions to the policy. At the January 30, 2008 meeting, the consensus of the working group was to move forward the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy for consideration and adoption by the MAG Regional Council. The recommended revised policy includes improvements and clarifications that bring the policy in line with Proposition 400 and should result in a more effective process.

The revised policy includes following major changes: (1) Incorporate the Transportation Policy Committee as the body that makes the recommendation to the MAG Regional Council. (2) Clarification that the policy covers all freeway and highway projects that are included in the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Life-Cycle Program for the MAG region. (3) A requirement to have a council resolution that shows support for the proposed acceleration before MAG takes action on the request. (4) Replacement of the interest sharing formula with a fixed equal sharing of the interest expense between the jurisdiction and the regional freeway program. (5) A requirement that MAG be party to the intergovernmental agreement between ADOT and the jurisdiction. (6) A prohibition of using “below the line” earmarks to accelerate projects. (7) Various minor wording changes.

Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Anderson for his report. She expressed her appreciation to those who participated in the working group. Chair Dolan asked members if they had any questions on the revised Highway Acceleration Policy. None were noted.

Mr. McClendon moved to recommend the adoption of the draft revised MAG Highway Acceleration Policy. Mr. Dalke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group Update

Jeff Romine, MAG Senior Regional Economist, reported on the work of the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group to examine the Maricopa County booking and prisoner per diem rates and explore possible options for cost savings and improvements in the sharing of information. He noted that the stakeholders include staff from public safety, budget and finance, health services, and the Sheriff’s and city managers’ offices.

Mr. Romine provided the summary of options recommended by the stakeholders: (1) Maricopa County will provide preliminary draft rates on December 1st, with final rates provided on February 1st. (2) MAG will assist the County in updating rate notification lists for member agencies. (3) The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office will encourage expansion of videoconferencing for adjudication into all jail locations. (4) Member agencies may wish to monitor and adjust adjudication of prisoners on multiple jurisdictional charges.

Shelby Scharbach, Maricopa County Deputy Finance Director, continued the presentation with an update on the consultant study that was conducted for Maricopa County. She said that the last costing model was completed in 2002-2003, and the County’s new detention facilities were fully operational in FY 2005-2006. Ms. Scharbach stated a review of the costing mode and a recommendation on an allocation methodology for calculating the booking and housing rates were warranted, and the results are to be used for the fiscal year 2008-09 rates.

Ms. Scharbach stated that the booking and prisoner per diem rates were distributed to member agencies on January 25, 2008, and in the future, rates will be transmitted by December 1st of each year. She noted that the booking rate for fiscal year 2008-09 is \$199.35, an increase from the fiscal year 2007-08 rate of \$189.23, or 5.35 percent. The housing rate for fiscal year 2008-09 is \$73.46 an increase from the fiscal year 2007-08 rate of \$72.33, or 1.56 percent. Chair Dolan thanked Mr. Romine and Ms. Scharbach for their reports and asked members if they had questions.

Ms. Robinson expressed her support for the County's action to hire a consultant to verify the rates. She commented that the County jail tax was originally to build jail facilities, which are now complete, and has been extended to pay for jail operations. Ms. Robinson asked if the rate will be extended again for operations, and what percentage of the jail tax and what percentage of the County's general budget go toward operations. Ms. Sharbach replied that she would need to check with other County staff about plans for extending the tax another 20 years. She noted that the components that make up the operations budget include a general fund appropriation, sales tax, and city revenue that go toward detention operations. Ms. Sharbach said that she would find out the percentages and follow up with Ms. Robinson.

Mr. Smith commented that the per diem cost issue has been studied many times in the past. He thanked County management and staff, noting that this has been the best cooperative effort to date. Mr. Smith noted that the average overnight total is now more than 9,000 inmates, and capacity is nearly 10,000. He said that it seems a new facility will be needed soon. Mr. Smith stated that there will be increased competition among agencies for public safety officers. Mr. Smith stated that one option might be incorporating or increasing diversion programs.

Loretta Barkell from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, stated that the Sheriff's Office is aware of the availability of bed space in the future. She noted that there is no sales tax money to build another facility, but the County expects a need to build one in the near future. Ms. Barkell stated that the County is also looking at special courts and special diversion programs to get inmates in and out as fast as possible. Ms. Barkell advised that average stay in County jails has shortened in the last year.

Ms. Robinson moved to recommend the options developed by the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group. Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dolan thanked County and member agency staff for working on this important issue.

7. Update on Funding Issues for the MAG 911 System

Nathan Pryor, MAG Senior Policy Planner, addressed members on two funding challenges facing the region's 911 system and the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS).

Harry Beck, Chief of the Mesa Fire Department and Chair of the MAG 911 Oversight Team, stated that the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund was established to provide funding to public safety agencies for the purchase and maintenance of telephone equipment necessary to respond to 911 emergency calls. He noted that a monthly tax on each wireline and wireless telephone line in the state supports the Revolving Fund. Chief Beck advised that this monthly rate has decreased from 37 cents in FY 2006, to 28 cents in FY 2007, and to 20 cents in FY 2008, bringing the rate to what it was ten years ago. Additionally, the Revolving Fund has been swept by the Legislature.

Chief Beck stated that the decrease in the monthly excise tax has lessened the ability of MAG 911 to pay for basic 911 staff, because three percent of the Revolving Fund goes toward administrative needs and is used by the MAG 911 Office to pay for the staff who maintain the 911 equipment and database.

Chief Beck noted that the MAG region also has the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS), which basically is a reverse 911 system and has also been used for TOPOFF exercises. He advised that the fund used to support the operation of the CENS program is now depleted and it will cease operation unless funding is found.

Liz Graeber, the region's 911 Administrator, stated that the MAG 911 Office provides support for the region's 26 Public Safety Answering Points, the maintenance and installation of 911 equipment, and for GIS and CENS management.

Ms. Graeber displayed a chart that showed the state's 911 program costs have exceeded expenditures. She advised that of immediate concern is the decline of the monthly tax, because this results in a decline in the amount the 911 Office receives for administrative costs. Ms. Graeber stated that this impacts the ability of the MAG 911 Office to fund the staff who provide wireless mapping. Ms. Graeber stated that House Bill 2381 has been filed to increase the percentage for administrative costs from three percent to five percent. This will allow the MAG 911 Office to retain the staff required for continuous updating of wireless mapping. Ms. Graeber noted that the increase to five percent is a restructuring of the fund, not an increase the monthly tax rate.

Ms. Graeber stated that CENS was launched in 2004 and is a part of the Emergency Management Plan. She said that CENS has been used to notify residents of missing children, barricaded suspects, fire and police emergencies and evacuations. Ms. Graeber advised that CENS does not have a permanent funding source and its fund that will be depleted in March 2008. She stated that the Arizona Department of Administration, which administers the 911 Revolving Fund, has agreed to provide funding through the end of FY 2008. Ms. Graeber advised that funding alternatives are being explored, such as Arizona tribal-state revenue sharing, the US Department of Homeland Security, and the state budget.

Ms. Graeber stated that in addition, the providers for CENS, Qwest and Intrado, have notified the MAG 911 Office that they will discontinue providing service for the program as of July 1, 2008. She reported that the MAG 911 Office will conduct a request for proposals process for alternate vendors.

Chair Dolan asked for clarification that the proposed legislation to increase the administrative allocation would not apply to funding the CENS system. Ms. Graeber replied that was correct; the legislation was only to restructure the administrative cost from three to five percent. Chair Dolan asked that no alternative funding for CENS had been identified. Ms. Graeber replied that was correct. She advised that Pima and Pinal Counties have expressed interest in having a system such as CENS and perhaps interest by multiple jurisdictions might encourage the state to fund a system statewide. Chair Dolan asked the cost of the CENS system. Ms. Graeber replied that maintenance is approximately \$450,000 per year, which does not include personnel.

Mr. Pentz moved to recommend support of legislation to increase the percentage allowed for administrative costs from three to five percent and to encourage the Legislature to provide a permanent funding source to continue the Community Emergency Notification System. Mr. Pearson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dolan stated that these are two important systems and the Management Committee stands ready to support them.

8. Legislative Update

Mr. Pryor provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Pryor reported on the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 that increases the federal share for CMAQ projects to a minimum of 80 percent. He said that this potentially could impact the region's TIP because some of the CMAQ funded projects are funded fifty percent federal and fifty percent local, and some are funded seventy percent federal and thirty percent local. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG staff and intergovernmental staff are working with Congressional delegates on a solution.

Mr. Smith noted that through this act, Congress was trying to help because some regions do not obligate all of their CMAQ funds. He explained that ADOT gives the program to MAG because the MAG region is a nonattainment area. Mr. Smith noted that the pave dirt roads program, currently is at a fifty percent federal and fifty percent local match. Mr. Smith said that this was an example of a program the act will be impacted. He advised that the roads would have to be funded at 80 percent, which translates to a \$30 million deficit in the MAG program. Mr. Smith stated that the language will need to be fixed or the projects reprogrammed in the TIP. Mr. Smith stated that Congressman Mitchell and Congressman Shadegg have been working with MAG on this. He added that MAG would need the assistance of member agencies' intergovernmental staff.

Chair Dolan commented that this was a very serious matter and expressed support for MAG in this effort.

Mr. Pryor then addressed proposed state legislation. He reported that Senate Bill 1415 adds four new transportation districts to the State Transportation Board, which could affect MAG's participation.

Mr. Pryor stated that House Bill 2091, which came from a strike everything amendment to House Bill 2092, received a do pass on February 7th. He stated that the bill says that state or county transportation projects that are submitted for voter approval must appear on the ballot with each mode of transportation and its costs delineated. Voters must be allowed to vote yes or no on each transportation mode separately. Mr. Pryor noted that this bill is being monitored.

Mr. Pryor reported on Senate Bill 1136, which says that persons serving one year or less in the Department of Corrections system shall serve the sentences in county jails. He advised that this could affect the region's facilities due to diversions of inmates.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Chair Dolan asked members if they had any comments or announcements. None were noted.

Chair Dolan stated that agenda items #10, #11, and #12 were Information Items Proposed Not to Be Heard. She asked if there were requests for presentations on any of the items. None were noted.

10. Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, staff develops the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. A review of the detailed draft Work Program and Budget is scheduled for March. This presentation is an overview of MAG's early FY 2009 proposed projects for the FY 2009 Work Program. The Budget Workshop, available via videoconference, was scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the MAG Palo Verde Room. The proposed Dues and Assessments have not been increased for FY 2009, although the allocation of Dues and Assessments has changed among the members due to population changes. MAG is proposing to keep the MAG Dues and Assessments at the same level due to the uncertain economy facing our members. The Solid Waste Assessment, unchanged since FY 2006, is expected to remain at \$10,000 for FY 2009 as no additional activity is anticipated.

11. Status of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects

A report has been written on the status of local sponsored federal funded projects for FY 2008. This item was on the January 31, 2008 Transportation Review Committee's agenda for information and discussion.

12. MAG Regional Economic Summary

Changes in a number of economic factors are having a significant impact on the level of activity and fiscal conditions on the State of Arizona and the region. Employment growth has slowed to about one percent, after growing by more than five percent the previous year. The State of Arizona's individual income tax collections are down about one percent year-to-date, with sales (transaction privilege) tax collections slightly down also. Overall, current estimates suggest that the State of Arizona has a shortfall between \$850 to \$970 million, or roughly eight percent of the State budget. A report compiled by MAG highlights changing conditions in the economy, tax revenues, and commodity and labor costs related to public infrastructure projects.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman